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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OCD

SUBJECT: ORE Series publication dates compared with "information available as of" dates

REFERENCE: Memorandum from AD/OCD to AD/ORE, 5 September 1950, same subject

1. The proposal contained in your referenced memorandum that readers of ORE's be advised of delays in publication by means of a chronology of production appears to be neither feasible nor desirable. The suggestion is based on the incorrect assumption that delays are largely due to the dilatory tactics of the IAC agencies. Such tactics, when they occur, constitute only one of a number of factors which contribute to the delay in final publication of certain papers. The method proposed seems a questionable one for achieving the results desired and might well become one more cause for delay in production.

2. The suggestion that the time lag be lessened, if possible, is an objective that this Office has constantly in mind in trying to expedite the publication of all papers. The problem is most serious in the case of lengthy, low priority papers containing detailed statistical data that cannot be readily up-dated without incurring further delays. The time and facilities of all offices handling such papers are constantly being diverted to papers of higher priority.

3. ORE 20-50, which you cited in your memorandum, was an unusual case in that it was the first paper produced with graphics incorporated in the text. A number of production problems resulted which, it is believed, will be solved as the techniques for producing such papers become more familiar. The Reproduction Branch, however, points out that, of necessity, such papers will take longer to publish than others. Apart from the question of graphics, the final reproduction of the paper consumed much more time than is usual.

4. The Publications Division of ORE will continue to check the date of information on all papers and attempt to up-date them wherever feasible.

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